

Arts in the Parks

Pokagon State Park & Trine SRA Property Profile

Website: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2973.htm>

Key Messages/Stories:

- On the shores of Lake James and Snow Lake, amid the rolling hills of Indiana's lake country, Pokagon State Park, Potawatomi Inn & Trine State Recreation Area offers unexcelled opportunities for outdoor recreation during all seasons.
- Cultural History of the Area – In a region where the Potawatomi ruled for many years, the park takes its name “Pokagon” from their last two most noticeable leaders, Leopold and Simon Pokagon (father and son). By treaty the Potawatomi transferred to the federal government approximately 1 million acres of land, including the present site of Chicago at the price of three cents an acre.
- Natural Beauty – The lakes form an attractive background for Pokagon, Trine SRA, and the Potawatomi Inn, offering excellent fishing, boating, and swimming throughout the summer, and a setting for many winter sports. There are two beaches, 15 miles of trails, 2 boat rentals, and ample opportunities to enjoy lake shores, wooded hills, wetlands, and open meadows

Top Five Things to Do:

- Hike Trails 1, 5, & 2 along the shores of Lake James and Snow Lake
- Tour the Nature Center
- Ride the Toboggan Track (November 26 – last weekend in February)
- Spend the night at the Potawatomi Inn or stay in overnight cabin at Trine SRA
- Visit the CCC Museum at the Historic Main Gate

Lodging: Potawatomi Inn, family cabins, group camps, and camping

General visitor profile: campers (weekends or weeklong); day-users for picnics and hiking; visiting the nature center; school groups in spring/summer; scout and other groups for volunteer service; groups in the group camps; families in the family cabins; people staying at the Potawatomi Inn or family cabins at Trine SRA.

Potential arts venues:

- CCC Shelter 140 people inside outside lawn area 2,000 people
- Apple Orchard Shelter 140 people
- Warming Center 75 people inside
- Wild Turkey Pavilion 150 people at Trine SRA
- Potawatomi Inn Lake James Ball Room 500 people inside
- Potawatomi Inn Cooked Lake and Snow Lake Rooms 95 people inside
- Potawatomi Inn Lawn 4,000 people
- Pokagon Main Beach 2,500 people

Visitation in FY2014: 750,000



Nearby Communities: Fremont, Angola, Orland, Hamilton, Ashley, Fort Wayne, Auburn, Lagrange

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